

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – August 13, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 Chair Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Mejia,
Vice Chair R. Hill
D. Hill, Marchese (absent), Murphy, Patz, and
Rojas

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Irving Montenegro Jr., Development Services
Manager
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Gabriela Martinez, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Patz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mejia opened oral communications.

Chair Mejia closed oral communications.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Rojas

Carried 6/0 (Marchese absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Traffic Commission Status Log

Commissioner Patz inquired about item E4, One-way Street with angled parking in Midtown on Green Avenue and Howard Avenue, on the Traffic Commission Status Log.

Assistant City Manager/ Development Services Director Noda provided response on the difficulty of doing angled parking due to space limitations.

Traffic Commissioners agreed to move item E4.

Commissioner Rojas inquired about item E3, Traffic signal timing traveling West on Bradbury Road at Los Alamitos Boulevard, on the Traffic Commission Status Log.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared that item E3 is still currently pending.

Vice Chair R. Hill inquired about the timing of traffic signal lights and the duration of approval within the Traffic Commission Log.

Assistant City Manager/ Development Services Director Noda shared clarity and further insight into the process.

City Engineer Kelly shared the findings of when a traffic technician was sent out to evaluate the timing of the traffic signal.

Traffic Commissioners further discussed the timing of the traffic signal at West Bound Bradbury to South Bound Seal Beach Boulevard.

Vice Chair R. Hill requested an update on item E2, Guardrail on Southeast corner of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard, on the Traffic Commission Log.

Commissioner D. Hill shared clarity as to why the item was originally initiated.

Traffic Commissioners discussed the item further.

Commissioner Patz commented that it is no longer illegal to jaywalk in the State of California.

Commissioner D. Hill requested an update on item C3, safety concern of accessibility on the Southeast and Northeast corner of Los Alamitos Boulevard/Bradbury Road and Los Alamitos Boulevard/Rossmoor Way, on the Traffic Commission Log.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared an update is scheduled to be discussed later in the agenda then asked for clarity on moving Traffic Commission Log item E2.

Vice Chair R. Hill shared to move item E2 to section D.

Chair Mejia discussed item A4, Katella Avenue/Cherry Street crosswalk on Eastside of Katella Avenue, on the Traffic Commission Log.

Traffic Engineer Farhad shared the dilemma with changing the crosswalk to the west side of the street.

Chair Mejia shared to move item A4 to “denied” then inquired if item C4 will come forth to the Traffic Commission.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda stated yes and shared the tentative timeline of when it will begin.

Chair Mejia closed the update on the Traffic Commission Log.

B. Progress of Notable City Street Projects

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. and City Engineer Kelly shared the Staff Report.

Commissioner Patz shared feedback and thanks from his neighbors for removing the Los Alamitos Boulevard/Cerritos bike lanes.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared that the City strives to serve its residents and thanked the City Council for truly considering resident feedback.

City Engineer Kelly continued with the Staff report.

Commissioner Rojas asked for clarity on the Scramble design.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared that City Council requested a Scramble to be installed but an infrastructure dilemma arose which dramatically raises the expense of the proposed design.

City Engineer Kelly continued with the Staff report.

Commissioner Patz inquired about what a HAWK (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) system is.

City Engineer Kelly provided a description.

Chair Mejia asked about the location of the HAWK system.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared details of an awarded grant and a workshop will be held at a future Traffic Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Murphy commented on the increased presence of e-bikes.

Vice Chair R. Hill shared his concerns with the impact to programming the bike lanes may have.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda discussed further the bike lanes, parking, and the adjustments to the queue line that may happen.

Chair Mejia recommended adding a crossing guard to the cross walk.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked for clarification on what the damage to the curb and gutters was.

City Engineer Kelly provided clarity.

City Engineer Kelly continued with the Staff report.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda discussed the meaning of what Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is.

City Engineer Kelly continued with the Staff report.

Vice Chair R.Hill inquired on the timeline of I-605 Katella freeway access closure.

City Engineer Kelly shared a rough timeline.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda discussed the following:

- I-605 progress and is
- Planned to be completed by mid-September.
- Different asphalt improvement projects to come.
- Seeking a Department of Defense Grant for corridor asphalt replacement.

Chair Mejia commented on the improvement of the Katella Avenue striping.

7. DISCUSSION

A. Recommended FY 25-26 CIP Projects Add-On

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared agenda report.

Commissioner Patz inquired about the location of the two city owned bridges.

City Engineer Kelly shared Los Alamitos Boulevard & Cerritos Avenue bordering the City of Long Beach.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda continued to share the agenda report.

Commissioner Patz inquired about the number of kilowatts for the emergency generators.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda responded and continued to share the agenda report.

Vice Chair R. Hill inquired on the field maintenance for the Sunburst Field renovations.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda provided insight on what will go into maintaining the fields and continued with the agenda report.

Vice Chair R. Hill inquired about the total amount it would take to do all the presented CIP projects.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared insight on the process with The Budget Standing Committee and City Council.

Chair Mejia inquired about the Traffic Commissions involvement with the further design process of the listed CIP projects.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared the process after choosing the two CIP projects to continue first with.

Traffic Commissioners discussed the list of possible CIP projects.

Commissioner Rojas inquired about the following:

- Which project is the most cost efficient out of the four options.
- From an ADA standpoint, which project takes precedence.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda discussed the importance of each and ADA compliance.

Vice Chair R. Hill asked for clarification on the ADA sidewalk repair project.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda shared who has jurisdiction over either side of the sidewalk.

Vice Chair R. Hill inquired into the completion of the remaining two CIP projects in FY 27-28.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda provided clarity of the process.

Chair Mejia inquired about the bid process.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda provided clarity.

Traffic Commissioners discussed the different CIP Projects.

Commissioner Rojas made a motion to proceed with CIP Project option #2 ADA and Safety Enhancement of Sidewalk and CIP Project option #3 Bradbury & Rossmoor Way Signal Light Relocation.

Motion/Second: Rojas/Murphy

Carried 6/0 (Marchese absent): Proceed with CIP Project option #2 ADA and Safety Enhancement of Sidewalk and CIP Project option #3 Bradbury & Rossmoor Way Signal Light Relocation.

Commissioner Patz made an alternate motion to proceed with CIP Project option #1 Replace Safety Lights at Intersection to LED as a backup to option #2 & #3.

Motion/Second: Patz/Murphy

Carried 6/0 (Marchese absent): Proceed with alternate CIP Project option #1 Replace Safety Lights at Intersection to LED as a backup to option #2 & #3.

8. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. briefly discussed the following:

- Nites on Pine event taking place on August 14, 2025, from 6:30p.m. – 8p.m. and the band will be a Taylor Swift cover band.
- Celebrate Los Al and Pine StrEATs event taking place on September 13, 2025, with various start times for events.
- Dual event for Labourdette Ribbon Cutting at 3:45 p.m. and Soroptimist Park Groundbreaking at 4:30 p.m. on Monday September 15, 2025.
- Good Evening Los Al has been postponed to a tentative future date in November.

Traffic Commissioners asked and received clarification from Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. on food being present for Nites on Pine event.

Chair Mejia inquired about the attendance number for Nites on Pine event.

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. answered roughly 200 people.

9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Traffic Commission asked and received clarification from Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Noda on the following:

- Los Alamitos Boulevard and Katella Avenue intersection traffic camera catching U-Turns.
- Recycled water pipeline location within the City.
- Possible shared pipeline connection to surrounding cities.
- Asking for accident data or traffic studies on Orangewood and Los Alamitos Boulevard coming out of St. Hedwig on behalf of a resident.
- Safety light out at Lexington Drive and Katella Avenue on the Southeast corner.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Gabriela Martinez, Department Secretary

Signed by:
Javier Mejia
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Javier Mejia, Chair